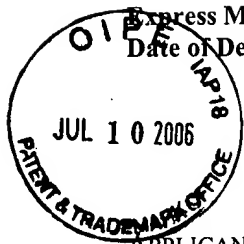


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APPLICANTS: Farmer, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/509,159 EXAMINER: Vera Afremova
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FOR: TOPICAL USE OF PROBIOTIC BACILLUS SPORES TO PREVENT OR
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Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The following documents are enclosed with this RCE:

1. Amendment and Response (13 pgs.);
2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 22736 in the amount of \$285.00 for Extension Fee;
4. Check No. 22737 in the amount of \$395.00 for RCE filing; and
5. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/509,159. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; 3) a fee; 4) a Petition for Extension of Time; and 5) a fee to cover the extension. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (c). With extension, a response is due on or before July 19, 2006.

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